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INFORM CONSULS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GSP

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1. AS POSTS AWARE, TRADE ACT OF 1974 AUTHORIZED THE UNITED STATES TO INSTITUTE A GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) WHICH WOULD PROVIDE DUTY-FREE TREATMENT TO U.S. IMPORTS OF ELIGIBLE ARTICLES FROM DESIGNATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AS INDICATED IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH AT THE UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, WE
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EXPECT TO IMPLEMENT GSP ON JANUARY 1, 1976. PURPOSE OF

THIS CABLE IS TO BRING POSTS UP TO DATE ON STATUS OF GSP.

2. ON MARCH 24 THE PRESIDENT DESIGNATED 89 COUNTRIES AND 44 TERRITORIES AS GSP BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AT SAME TIME, 24 COUNTRIES (INCLUDING 13 OPEC MEMBERS) WERE IDENTIFIED AS "UNDER CONSIDERATION" FOR GSP DESIGNATION. (CURRENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS RE NON-EMBARGOING OPEC MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ACTED ON IN NEAR FUTURE. ALL OPEC MEMBERS WILL THUS REMAIN INELIGIBLE.) PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO DESIGNATE WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR BENEFICIARY STATUS. POSTS WILL BE NOTIFIED FURTHER AFTER PRESIDENT MAKES REQUIRED DECISIONS. IN ADDITION, STEPS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TAKEN TO TERMINATE GSP DESIGNATIONS FOR VIETNAM AND KHMER REPUBLIC SINCE THEY NO LONGER ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER TERMS OF THE TRADE ACT.

3. THE PRESIDENT ALSO PROPOSED IN MARCH A LIST OF PRODUCTS FOR GSP ELIGIBILITY. LIST WAS SENT TO U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (ITC) FOR ITS ADVICE REGARDING PROBABLE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC IMPACT OF EACH ITEM'S INCLUSION IN GSP. AFTER CONDUCTING A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITC SUBMITTED ITS ADVICE TO THE PRESIDENT IN LATE JULY. (IN ANSWER TO QUESTION RAISED IN TOKYO 15797, NOTAL, THIS 66 VOLUME CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO POSTS.) INTER-AGENCY TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE ALSO HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED PRODUCT LIST, AND THEN MET TO REVIEW PROPOSED LIST IN LIGHT OF ITC ADVICE, FINDINGS OF ITS OWN HEARINGS, AND VIEWS OF INTERESTED AGENCIES. AS A RESULT, WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PUBLISH FINAL LIST OF PRODUCTS ELIGIBLE FOR GSP COVERAGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. POSTS WILL BE ADVISED OF GSP PRODUCT COVERAGE ASAP. KISSINGER

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